

## Reminder: Steel shot is required on all GPA's and WPA's

### Aurora County

Lynn Geuke



#### Fishing report:

**Wilmarth Mitchell:** Activity has been slow.

**Reminder:** The minimum length limit on Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass in the lake is 15"

THE ENTIRE LAKE OF WILMARTH IS A NO WAKE ZONE!

**Nelson Lake:** No report. **NO VEHICLES DRIVING OFF ROADS.**



**Hunting report:** Hunting doves in the county has been good where doves have congregated. Hunters have done very well.

Goose hunters have done poorly in the area due to lack of geese. The population in the area is not abundant at this time.

### Beadle County

Chris Kuntz



#### Fishing Report:

**James River:** Slow for catfish.

**Lake Byron:** No report.

**Mud Lake:** No activity.

**Cavour Lake:** No report.

**Ravine:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Goose hunters have been having moderate success in the northern part of the county.

### Bon Homme County

Todd Crownover



#### Fishing Report

**Missouri River:** Catfish are starting to bite more. They are using worms and stink bait. Carp are being caught on corn and even some channel cats. Drum are also biting on worms. Both large and smallmouth bass are biting on artificials.

**Lake Henry:** Bluegill and crappies are biting on worms, leaches and minnows. Small Rapala's are also catching bass and larger crappies.

**Remember bass size is 15 inches and the lake is slow-no wake.**

**Clear Lake:** No report.

**Merkel Lake (Singleton GPA):** FISH DIE OFF.

**Heritage GPA:** Small bluegill and bass are being caught on worms.



**Hunting Report:** No activity.

# Brookings County

Jeff Grendler



## Fishing Reports:

**Lake Sinai:** Some larger bluegill in that 11 inch range are being caught. Some large smallmouth bass are being caught in the southwest bay.

**West Lake Oakwood:** No activity.

**East Oakwood:** No Activity.

**Oak Lake:** Very little fishing activity.

**Brush Lake:** No Activity.

**Lake Poinsett:** Slow

**East 81 ponds:** No Activity.

**Lake Hendricks:** Some perch in that 14 inch range. Bite has been somewhat inconsistent.

**Lake Goldsmith:** No Activity.

**Lake Campbell:** No Activity.



**Hunting Report:** A fair number of doves in the county. There are some Game Production Areas(GPA's) that were planted with sunflowers to draw in or attract doves to these areas. Areas in the Brookings County area include the Kamp GPA near the Big Sioux River and Oakwood GPA near Lake Oakwood.

There have been a number of Canada geese in the area and hunters are have had some success. The northwest and southwest areas have been the most promising.

# Clay County

Tony Stokely



**Fishing Report:** Very little activity.

**Missouri River:** Bowfisherman for Asian Carp. Catfisherman having some success along shorelines using minnows.

**Vermillion River:** 2nd hand information on catfish being caught.

**Reminder:** There must be a wearable lifejacket of appropriate size for everybody on board your boat.



**Hunting Report:** There are lots of doves in the area.

# Davison County

Andy Petersen



## Fishing Report:

**Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.**

**Lake Mitchell:** Bluegill and Crappie are being caught. Small bass and walleye. Nice catfish all around the lake.

**James River:** Catfish all along the river.



**Hunting Report: Dove:** Hunters had good success on opening day of the season. Dove numbers appear to be good in the area. Hunters that found the best success were hunting wheat fields or stock dams.

# Hanson County

Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert



**Fishing Report:** Fishing has been rather slow.

**Lake Hanson:** Bullheads.

**Ethan Dam:** No report.

**James River:** Catfish all along the river.



**Hunting Report:**

**September Canada Goose** - The daily limit is 15 and scouting will be key. The State Migratory Bird Certification and Federal Waterfowl Stamp are required now.

**Dove-** Season started Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. There are plenty of dove in the area. Hunters had good success on opening day of the season. Dove numbers appear to be good in the area. Hunters that found the best success were hunting wheat fields or stock dams.

# Hutchinson County

Brian Humphrey



**Fishing:** Catfish bite has slowed down a bit on the James River as the level of the river continues to drop.



**Hunting:** No goose hunting activity observed.

# Jerauld County

Lynn Geuke



**Fishing Report:** No report.



**Hunting Report:** In areas where doves have grouped there is good hunting. Populations of geese in the area is low at this time.

# Kingsbury County

Shane Van Bockern



**Fishing Reports:**

**Lake Thompson:** Fair to good for walleye, crappie, pike, white bass, and some perch.

**West 81:** Fair success on walleye and white bass.

**Lake Whitewood:** Slow.

**Lake Henry:** Slow to fair for pike and walleye.

**Lake Albert:** Fair for pike and walleye.

**Spirit Lake:** Slow.

**Lake Preston:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** No activity.

# Lake County

Cody Symens



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Madison:** Angler activity has increased the last couple of weeks with fair/good success on walleye averaging in the 17" range. There have been several fish over 20" as well. The walleye seem to be relatively particular on the color of the lure so don't be hesitant to switch it up.

**Lake Herman:** Minimal fishing pressure but a few reports of walleye biting on spinners.

**Brant Lake:** Decent angler success on smallmouth bass and northern pike. There are good sized fish being caught in Brant Lake when you do find them!

**Long Lake:** No pressure.

**Lake Henry:** A few boats trying Lake Henry but fishing is difficult and inconsistent.

**Lake George:** No fish being reported; however, a few boats continue to test their luck.



**Hunting Report:** Goose hunting has been slow but there is plenty of opportunity in the northern part of the county.

# Lincoln County

Nate Stukel



## Fishing Report:

**Big Sioux:** Fair success for catfish. Chicken liver and crawlers seem to be working the best.

**Hudson:** Little fishing activity this week.

**Lake Alvin:** Boat anglers are having fair success for smaller Crappie.

**Lake Lakota:** No fishing activity.



**Hunting Report:** Dove hunters have had good success the first week of the season and the birds should stick around for a couple more weeks.

# McCook County

Matt Talbert



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Vermillion:** Shore anglers have had some luck on Catfish. Not much water is running over the spillway reducing the likelihood of catching anything in that area. Boat anglers have been picking up a few walleye here and there early and late in the day.

**Island Lake:** Shore and Boat anglers will have some luck on pike and smallmouth bass.

**Lehrman Slough:** No fishing activity seen.



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# Miner County

Evan Meyer



**Fishing Report:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Goose hunters are having fair success. Great numbers of doves in the area. Scouting will be key. Farmers are cutting silage which will open up more areas for goose and dove hunting.

## Minnehaha County

Jared Hill



### **Fishing Report:**

**Beaver Lake:** A few walleye, small perch and crappie.

**Scott Slough:** Bullheads fair to good. A few small perch and walleye.

**Island Lake:** A few musky, perch, and walleye.

**Loss Lake:** Bullheads fair and a few walleye.

**Lost Lake:** No reports.

**Twin Lakes:** Walleyes fair to good. **(REMEMBER: 28 inch minimum on Walleyes.)**

**Family Park:** A few trout, bluegill, and crappie.

**Wall Lake:** A few walleye, blue gill, and crappie.

**Clear Lake:** No reports.



**Hunting Report:** No activity observed.

## Moody County

Chad Williams



**Fishing Report:** Anglers are starting to catch some nice walleyes below the Flandreau Dam using jig head and minnow. Catfish have been biting well using liver, stink bait, crawlers, and raw shrimp or leopard frogs.



**Hunting Report:** Opening day of dove season hunters were having good success around wheat fields, tree groves, and stock ponds. There are plenty of doves around. Hunters are reminded not to forget their migratory bird certification and to look in the Hunting Handbook for special restrictions pertaining to dove season.

Most of the geese found in the county are west of I-29. As the season progress it should improve when farmers start cutting silage and open up some more fields.

## Sanborn County

Evan Meyer



**Fishing Report:** Fishing activity has been minimal in the county.



**Hunting Report:** Great numbers of doves in the area. Scouting will be key. Farmers are starting to cut silage so look for success to go up.

# Turner County

Brian Humphrey



**Fishing Report:** No activity observed.



**Hunting:** No goose hunting activity observed.

# Union County

Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel



**Fishing Report:** Little fishing activity.

**Missouri River:** Some success for catfish. Occasional bowfisherman for Asian carp.

**Big Sioux River:** Light pressure due to the weather.

**McCook Lake:** Light pressure due to the weather.

**Reminder:** There must be a wearable lifejacket of appropriate size for everybody on board your boat.



**Hunting Report:** There are lots of doves in the area. Goose harvest has been slow but some people are having success.

# Yankton County

Dan Altman



**Fishing Report:**

**Marindahl:** Fishing pressure and success has been low. Some anglers report catching a lot of bullheads and small bluegill. Occasional 2-3 pound catfish are being caught.

**Lewis and Clark:** Anglers are catching walleye near the Yankton/Bon Homme County line. Some smallmouth bass and channel catfish are being caught around Lewis and Clark Marina.

**James River:** The catfish bite has slowed. Some anglers fishing from the mouth to 2 miles upstream are having limited success. Bowfishing opportunities exist for rough fish species.

**Lake Yankton:** The Lake Yankton renovation project is on track for September. Currently a "liberalized take" is in effect for the lake, allowing anglers to keep 3 times the daily and possession limit for game fish (without regard to size limits) and use up to six lines. Legal methods of take are hook/line, legal minnow seines, spears, dip nets and snagging. Water levels have dropped recently so the renovation can be completed.

**Missouri River:** The bite has slowed. Occasional walleye, smallmouth bass, drum and pike are being caught below Gavin's Point Dam.



**Hunting Report:** The September Canada goose season is open in Yankton County. Canada geese are sparse throughout most of the county but some opportunity exists further north. Dove season is also open and with much cooler temperatures in the forecast the migration may not last long.

Region 3 updates.